

WORK OF THE LIFE-SAVERS

THE SUPERINTENDENTS ANNUAL REPORT.

THE GREAT VALUE OF THE SERVICE SHOWN BY THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT.

Washington, Nov. 27.—The following is an abstract of the report of the General Superintendent of the Life-Saving Service:

The number of disasters to documented vessels within the scope of station operations during the year was 411. There were on board these vessels 5,568 persons, of whom only twelve were lost.

The number of shipwrecked persons who received succor at the stations was 743, to whom 1,886 days' relief in the aggregate was afforded.

The estimated value of the vessels involved in the disasters was \$20,624,150, and that of their cargoes \$3,681,325, making the total value of property imperilled \$24,305,250. Of this amount \$7,776,405 was saved and \$1,728,800 lost.

The number of vessels totally lost was 71.

The extent of the assistance rendered in saving vessels and cargoes was greater than ever before, 422 vessels having been worked off when stranded, repaired when damaged, piloted out of dangerous places and similarly assisted by the station crews.

There were, besides, 220 instances where vessels running into danger of stranding were warned off by the signal signs of the patrol, most of them thus being saved from partial or total loss.

The expense of maintaining the service during the year was \$292,213. The exhibit shows more than \$25 saved for every dollar expended.

The following figures give a summary of the statistics of the service from the introduction of the present system in 1871 to the close of the fiscal year. The statement below includes the loss of 182 lives at the wrecks of the Huron and Metropolis, which loss, the report says, was really not chargeable to the service:

Number of disasters, 4,396; value of property involved, \$75,302,999; value of property saved, \$65,297,652; value of property lost, \$20,005,347; number of persons involved, 39,414; number of lives lost, 561; number of dead succor afforded, 1,161.

The General Superintendent strongly recommends an increase in the compensation of the surfmen. He also advocates the passage of the bill reported to the House of Representatives by the Committee. Please sign the bill in the session of Congress, granting pensions to the officers and enlisted men of the service, who are subjected to imminent peril, and to their widows and minor children.

TO TEST THEIR SKILL AT DRAUGHTS.

AN INTERESTING GAME OF CHECKERS TO TAKE PLACE IN ENGLAND NEXT MONTH.

An international game of checkers will be played at Springfield, England, beginning on the 24th day of December, between Charles Francis Barker, of Boston, champion of America, and James Smith, champion of England. Mr. Barker has attained the reputation of being one of the finest checker players in the world. When only fifteen years old he met James Wyllie, of Scotland, the champion of the world, and made quite a creditable record, in which he won three games and lost ten, the other twelve games being drawn. After that he met most of the leading players of the world. In 1878 he won the championship of America in a contest with M. C. Priest, of Boston. Since then he has met many "crack" players, and, with a single exception, has won easily. In 1885 he was defeated by C. H. Freeman, but he afterward regained his old position.

Robert Martin was the champion of Great Britain. In a tournament between Scotland and England, not long ago, in which there were eight on each side, Scotland won in the person of James Wyllie.

Immediately after that a match was arranged between James Smith and H. Jackson for the championship of England, which resulted in a victory for Mr. Smith. Last year Mr. Barker sent a challenge to play any checker player in England, and Martin was pitted against him, in Glasgow, on December 26, for a series of fifty games, which resulted in six for Barker, five for Martin and the rest drawn games. This year Smith sent Barker a challenge to play with him, and it was accepted.

Until now, however, no champion of the world has been pitted against him, and to their widows and minor children.

The plaintiff and the plaintiff adjourned not entitled to such payment thereof, and so no modified judgment affirmed without costs.

Rogers, respondent, agt. Horner, appellant. Judgment and order affirmed, with costs.

Leder, respondent, agt. Walphey, appellant. Judgment affirmed, without costs.

Geebie, respondent, agt. IMA, appellant: in re Williams: The People ex rel. the Union Insurance Company, of Philadelphia, and of the State of Pennsylvania, appellants, art. Stephen P. Nash and others, respondents. Then, respondent, agt. Parke, respondent. Order affirmed, with costs.

Butler, respondent, agt. Johnson, appellant: Hamelich, respondent, ex rel. the New York Life Insurance Company, affidavit. Order affirmed and judgment absolute ordered against the defendant on stipulation, with costs.

Brenton, respondent, agt. Hart, appellant. Judgment affirmed, with leave to Surrogate to be proceeded with in conformity therewith, without costs of appeal.

Greenwood, respondent, agt. Holbrook, appellant. Judgment reversed, and judgment entered declaring next kin of John W. Johnson entitled to one-eighth of the income received by him by agreement with costs in this court and in the Supreme Court upon appeal, to be paid by Respondents Holbrook and Fiske to Amelius Isaac L. Greenwood.

In re accounting of Seleck. Order of General Term as far as it reverses decree of the Surrogate upon account of the executor, and so far as it reverses the decree of the Surrogate as to the trustee accounting, reversed, and matter remitted to Surrogate, to be proceeded with in conformity with his decision as modified; costs of appeal in this court and Supreme Court awarded to appellants, to be paid out of the fund in the trustee's hands.

The people, respondents, agt. Jackson, appellant. Judgment affirmed.

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In re accounting of Roberts. Judgment of Surrogate to be proceeded with in accordance with the doctrine of the opinion, costs of all parties to be paid out of the estate.

In re Pinard. Judgment affirmed with costs.

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